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1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS DRAFTED FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MARCH 1 IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION TAKEN AT NOON BRIEFING FEBRUARY 28.

QUOTE

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE ARREST OF CIVIC LEADER HAM SUK-HON AND THE REVEREND MOON IK-HWAN FOR ISSUING A STATEMENT CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM IN SOUTH KOREA?

ANSWER: OUR VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA ARE WELL KNOWN
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AND SET FORTH IN OUR HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR IN KOREA AND WE HAVE NOTED INTENSIFIED POLITICAL ACTIVITY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS HELPFUL TO COMMENT ON DEVELOPMENTS ON A DAILY BASIS. HOWEVER, WE HOPE THE PROCESS WILL BE PEACEFUL AND THAT THE CURRENT LEVEL OF POLITICAL EXPRESSION WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN POLITICAL RIGHTS. UNQUOTE VANCE

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